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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

I, Matthew James Curland, have been an employee of Microsoft Corporation since 1993 and at all times relevant hereto. I was a co-inventor for the above-entitled patent application and for Application No. 09/391057, filed September, 1999, and for Application No. 08/863,822, filed on May 27, 1997, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,026,233.

The subject matter of the patent applications, and in particular, of the above-entitled application, is described in Visual Basic 5.0, cited in the office action dated August 19, 2003, and includes disclosed features such as Auto List Members and Auto Quick Info; and relates to the matter cited in Microsoft Office Developer Web Forum, dated October 14, 1996 (which states: "Say I type an object variable and follow it with a period . . ."). Those features, including Auto List Members and Auto Quick Info and the Web Forum statement, were derived from the matter invented by myself and my co-inventors and was disclosed publicly within one year prior to May 27, 1997. I hereby state that the subject matter of Visual Basic 5.0 that is relevant to the above-entitled patent application originated and were obtained from matter invented by myself and my co-inventors.


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